CHAPTER 2
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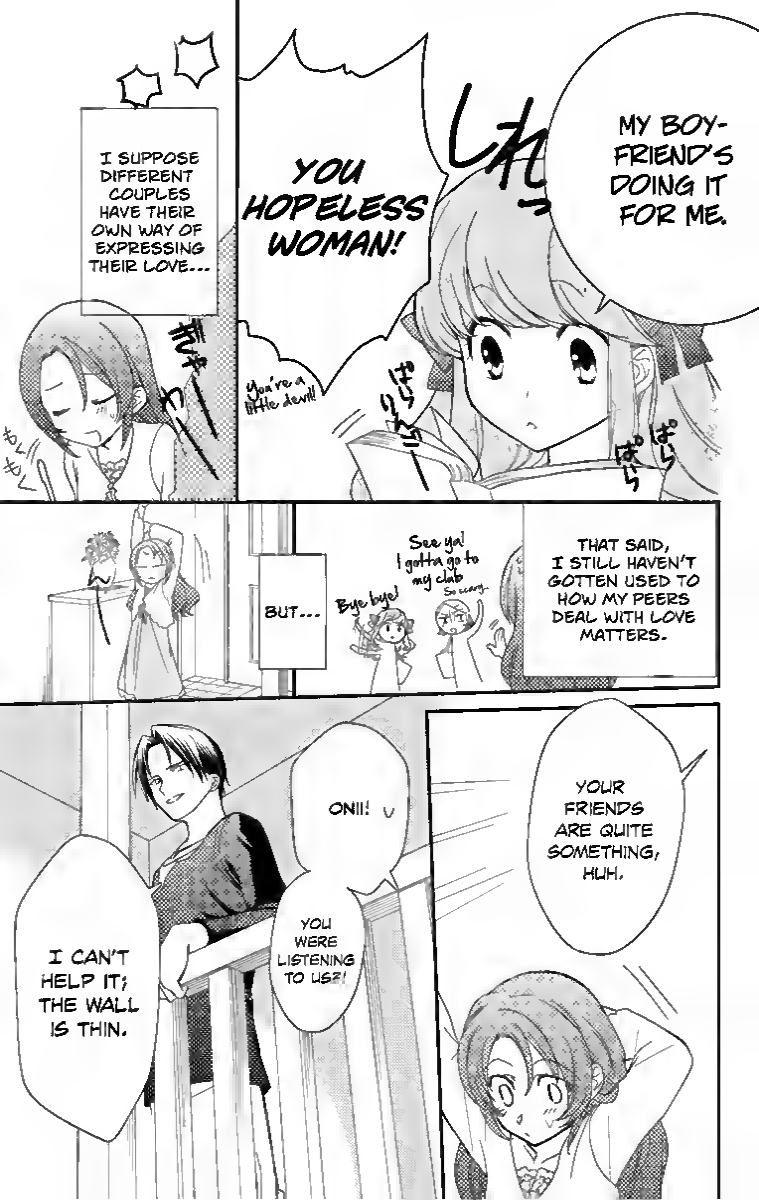
I CAN'T DO THIS ANYMORE!
WHAT'S THE POINT OF BEING ON HOLIDAY IF THEY'RE JUST GOING TO GIVE US A LOAD OF MATHS TO DO?!
THEY GAVE US TOO MUCH HOMEWORK! WE'VE BEEN WORKING ON IT ALL DAY EVERY DAY!
Haaa
OUR CLASS DID HAVE THE WORST TEST SCORES...
YOU HAD A PRETTY GOOD MARK THOUGH, MAIMAI.
Hmph!
WAIT, WHY ARE YOU READING MANGA? WHAT HAPPENED TO HOMEWORK?


MY BOY-FRIEND'S DOING IT FOR ME.
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YOU HOPELESS WOMAN!
You're a little slow!!
I SUPPOSE DIFFERENT COUPLES HAVE THEIR OWN WAY OF EXPRESSING THEIR LOVE...
THAT SAID, I STILL HAVEN'T GOTTEN USED TO HOW MY PEERS DEAL WITH LOVE MATTERS.
See ya! I gotta go to my club
So scary.
Bye, bye!
BUT...
YOUR FRIENDS ARE QUITE SOMETHING, HUH.
ONII!
YOU WERE LISTENING TO US?!
I CAN'T HELP IT; THE WALL IS THIN.

WHY DON'T YOU GET HIM TO DO YOUR HOMEWORK FOR YOU?
YOUR BOY-FRIEND.
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FOR THE FIRST TIME IN MY LIFE,
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THAT'S RIGHT.
HE'S GOOD AT MATHS, JUST SO YOU KNOW.
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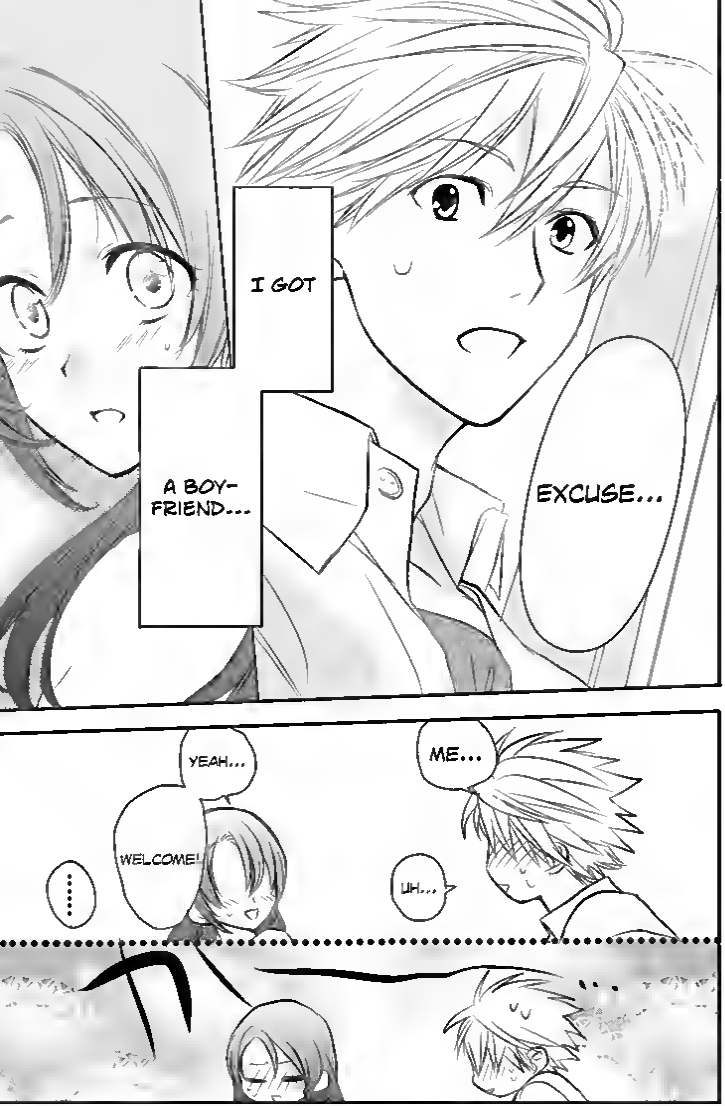
I GOT
A BOY-FRIEND...
EXCUSE...
YEAH...
WELCOME!
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ME...
UH...

THIS PERSON HERE IS NISHINO SOUTA. HE'S MY BROTHER'S FRIEND, AND MY... LOVER.
A WEEK AGO, HE CONFESSED TO ME AND I RETURNED HIS FEELINGS.
I'M GOING TO YUKIHIRO'S ROOM, SO...
OH, SURE! TAKE YOUR TIME.
BUT...
UM...
EVEN THOUGH WE'VE BEEN GOING OUT FOR A WEEK, OUR RELATIONSHIP HASN'T REALLY CHANGED.
IS THIS NORMAL?
I GUESS IT'S PARTLY BECAUSE I'M SPENDING MOST OF MY TIME DOING HOMEWORK.
I WANT TO GET IT DONE AND OUT OF THE WAY FIRST.

AND THIS IS THE OTHER PART.
WHY THE HELL DID YOU COME TO MY ROOM?
IF YOU'RE HER BOYFRIEND, THERE'S NO NEED TO HESITATE GOING INTO HER ROOM
WHAT ARE YOU DOING?
YUP.
BECAUSE OUR ROOMS ARE SEPARATED BY A THIN WALL, I CAN HEAR PRETTY MUCH EVERYTHING THAT GOES ON OVER THERE.
NO, UH...
SHE DOESN'T HAVE A LOCK ON HER DOOR. GET IN THERE.
ONII! PLEASE! GIVE US A BREAK! EVEN JUST GREETING EACH OTHER AT THE DOOR DRAINS ALL OF OUR ENERGY!
WELL,
THAT'S THE PROBLEM...
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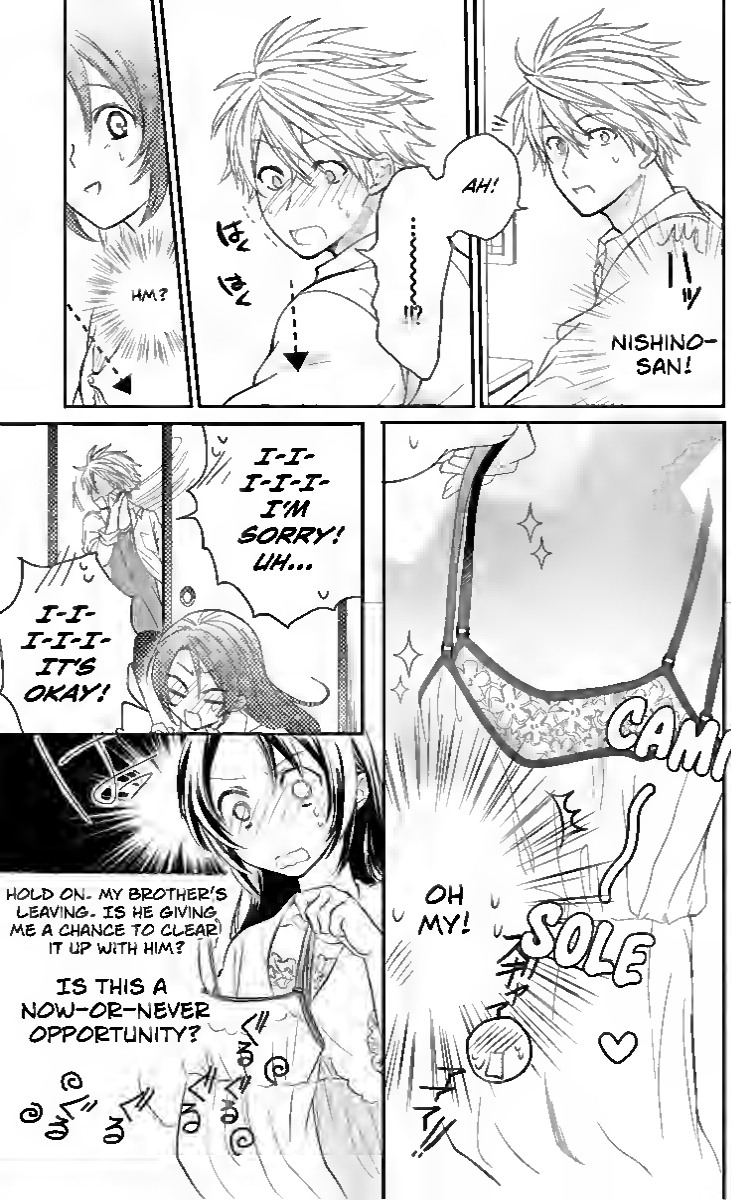
ARE WE REALLY GOING OUT WITH EACH OTHER?
WH-
WHAAT?!
UH,
I TOLD HER THAT I LIKED HER, AND GOT COOKIES FROM HER IN RETURN,
BUT NOW THAT I THINK ABOUT IT, SHE DIDN'T SAY SHE LIKED ME BACK OR IF WE SHOULD GO OUT...
I WAS REALLY HAPPY WHEN I GOT THE COOKIES FROM HER, BUT U
WHAT IF I MISUNDERSTOOD HER INTENTIONS OR SOMETHING...

WHY DON'T YOU GO BACK TO KINDER-GARTEN?
SAVE HIM THE SHAME!
WHAT GROUP DO YOU WANT TO BE PUT IN? THE CHICKS? OR ARE YOU EVEN LESS THAN THE CHICKS?
ACTUALLY, I THINK YOUR LIFE STARTED AND IS STILL IN THE EMBRYONIC STAGE. AM I RIGHT?
YOU PRESERVED EGG BASTARD!
Preserved eggs
A delicacy made by preserving duck eggs in a mixture of clay, ash, salt, and lime. The egg white becomes a dark brown jelly-like substance, and the yolk becomes a creamy texture.
SAVAGE!
HE DIDN'T GET THE MESSAGE WHEN I GAVE HIM A HEART-SHAPED COOKIE...
W-WILL I HAVE TO RE-DO MY CONFESSION AND SAY, "I LIKE YOU!" AND "PLEASE GO OUT WITH ME!"?
NO! I CAN'T! IT'S TOO WEIRD! AND SUDDEN!
NO... BUT... HE'S KINDA RIGHT...
THAT MUST MEAN

I'LL HAVE TO CASU-ALLY
DO THINGS THAT SAY, "WE'RE GOING OUT WITH EACH OTHER!"
---RIGHT?
Nishino-san, Nishino-san!
Let's go on a date! I want to hold your hand!
ESCAPE
HA...
I SOUGHT REFUGE IN HOUSEWORK AGAIN...
LATERS, SOUTA. I'M LEAVING. DO WHATEVER YOU WANT.
W-WAIT, YUKIHIRO!


NISHINO-SAN!
AH!
HM?
I-I-I-I-I-I'M SORRY! UH...
I-I-I-I-I-IT'S OKAY!
HOLD ON. MY BROTHER'S LEAVING. IS HE GIVING ME A CHANCE TO CLEAR IT UP WITH HIM?
IS THIS A NOW-OR-NEVER OPPORTUNITY?
OH MY!
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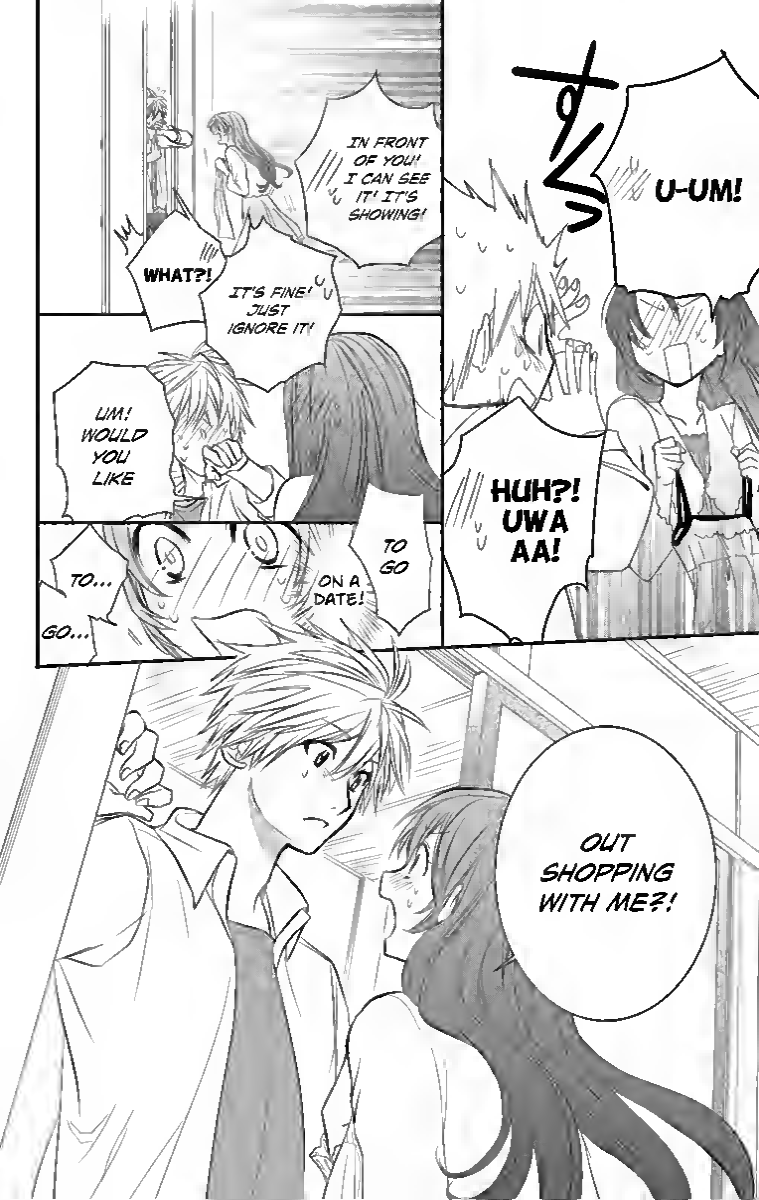
U-UM!
HUH?! UWA AA!
IN FRONT OF YOU! I CAN SEE IT! IT'S SHOWING!
WHAT?!
IT'S FINE! JUST IGNORE IT!
UM! WOULD YOU LIKE
TO... GO...
TO GO ON A DATE!
OUT SHOPPING WITH ME?!

I GOT TOO HOT-HEADED AND CHARGED IN. I CAN'T BELIEVE MYSELF...
HAA...
I RUSHED UP TO HIM HOLDING MY UNDER-GARMENTS... HOW SHAME-LESS...
AND IN MY FRENZY, I DIDN'T EVEN MANAGE TO ASK HIM ON A DATE!
AHHHH
WHAT LOSS!
UM, DID YOU FIND ANY GOOD BOOKS?
YOU WERE LOOKING FOR MATH ONES, RIGHT? I FOUND A COUPLE THAT WERE USEFUL WHEN I WAS A FRESHMAN.
Have a look at them.
THESE TWO BOOKS ARE REASONABLY PRICED.

HE'S SO NICE...
THANK YOU...
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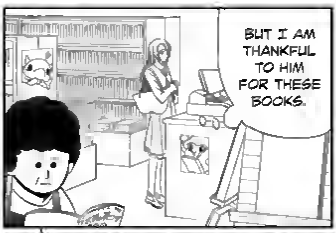
THIS ISN'T RIGHT! ARGH! I'M SORRY FOR TRICKING YOU TO MAKE YOU GO OUT WITH ME SOMEWHERE!
UM! I HEARD THAT YOU'RE GOOD AT MATHS!
IF YOU DON'T MIND, COULD YOU POINT OUT SOME GOOD REFERENCE BOOKS?
WHAT A SURPRISE!

OOH!
THIS IS PRETTY GOOD!


BUT I AM THANKFUL TO HIM FOR THESE BOOKS.

OH MY, THIS BOOK IS GREAT!

"100 TRICKS TO DOING HOUSEWORK"?

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HE SAW ME!
S-S-S-S-S-SORRY, I GOT DISTRACTED!
IT'S OKAY. YOU CAN GO AHEAD AND BUY THAT BOOK IF YOU LIKE.
NO! I'M NOT BUYING IT! I'M FINE!
HE'S GOING TO THINK I'M OLD-FASHIONED!
HE'S GOING TO THINK I'M OLD-FASHIONED!
Let's go!
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YOU LIKE THE HOUSEWIFE-TYPE, SONNY?
!!?
ARGH, I'M NOT GOING ANYWHERE LIKE THIS! IT DOESN'T LOOK LIKE WE'RE GOING OUT WITH EACH OTHER AT ALL! I HAVE TO DO SOMETHING ABOUT IT!
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HEY, LET'S EAT THE PARFAIT HERE~
WHAT~?
AT THIS RATE, WE'LL END UP GOING HOME WITHOUT DOING ANYTHING!

IT LOOKS LIKE THE CAFE'S DESIGN WAS TARGETED AT GIRLS, BUT THERE ARE ALSO COUPLES INSIDE!
T-THIS MIGHT BE GOOD!
OOH!
OOH...! THEY LOOK LIKE A REAL COUPLE.
WELL, ALRIGHT, IF YOU REALLY WANT TO...
THANKS HUBBY♡
U-UM, LET'S EAT A PARFAIT HERE!
HMM?
SURE.
I WANT TO GO IN THIS ONE...
OKAY...
W-WAIT, THIS IS WHERE HE'S-!
UH, THERE'S A FAMILY RESTAURANT NEXT DOOR, SO WHY DON'T WE GO—

Knew he was here
HEY, YOU LITTLE SHIT WEREN'T YOU LISTENING? I SAID I WAS GOING EAT A MATCHA PARFAIT IN THIS VERY STORE, AND THAT YOU COULD DO WHATEVER THE HELL YOU WANT I DID SAY THAT, RIGHT, SOUTA?
UGH...
Y-YES, YOU DID SAY THAT. I'M SORRY...

HI THERE. I'M SORRY TO SAY THE OTHER TABLES ARE FULL. WOULD YOU MIND SHARING A TABLE WITH THIS GENTLEMAN HERE?
Ow Ow Ow
Your shitty preserved egg!
SO WHY DID YOU COME IN? SAY IT. I DOUBLE DARE YOU.
FOR GOD'S SAKE, YOU WERE THE ONE WHO WANTED TO RE-DO YOUR CONFESSION AND ASK HER OUT, RIGHT?
SHE SAID THAT SHE WANTED TO GO IN HERE.. HER PLEADING EXPRESSION WAS SO CUTE THAT... I couldn't refuse
...YEAH.
I DIDN'T EXPECT MY BROTHER TO BE HERE...
MAYBE I SHOULD GIVE UP FOR TODAY...
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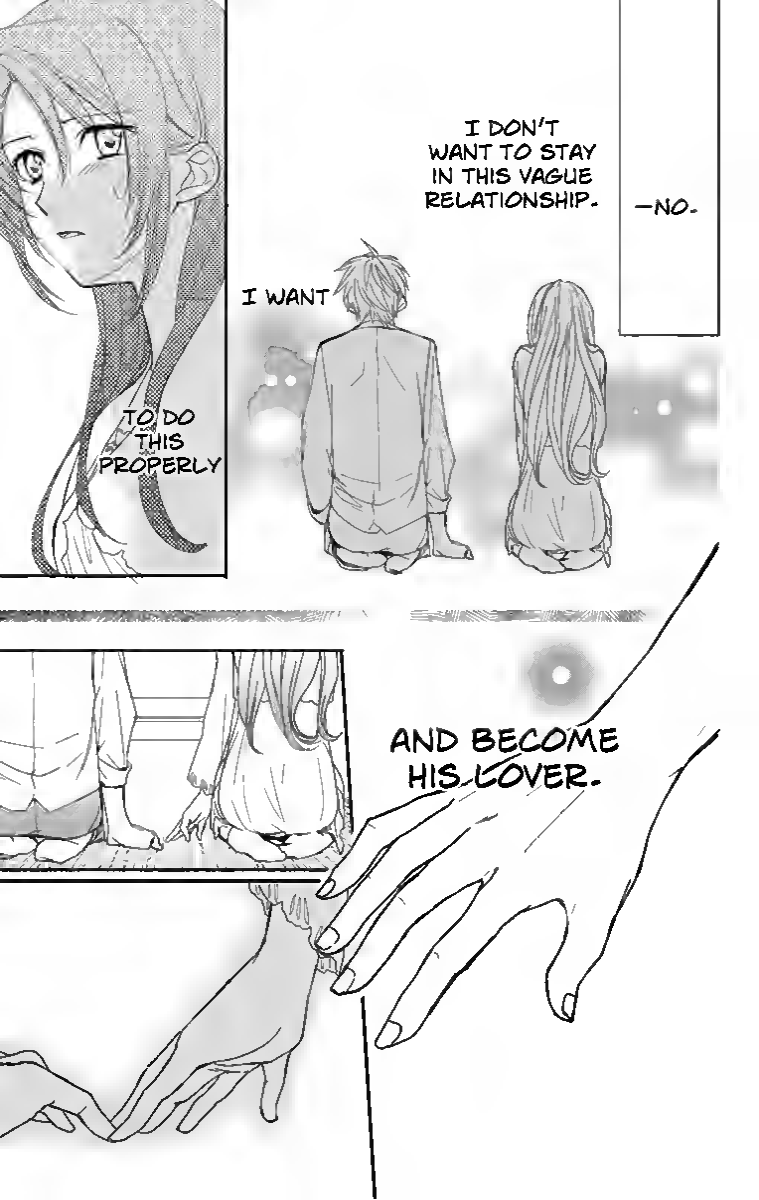
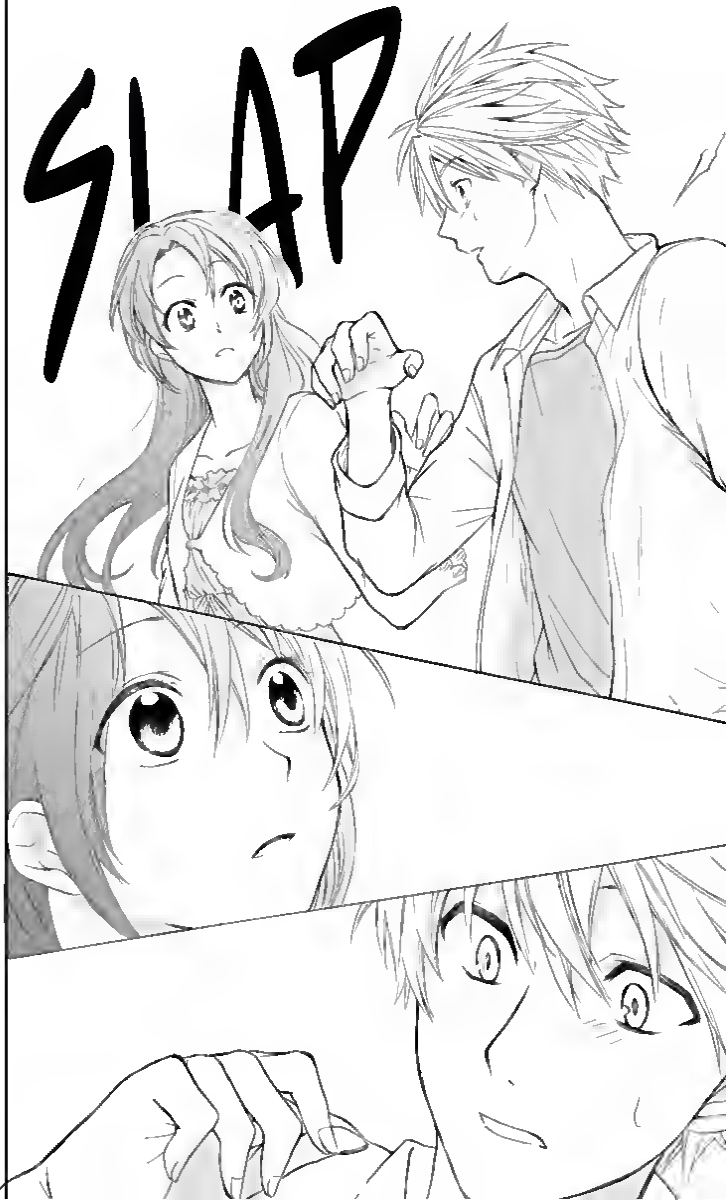

I DON'T WANT TO STAY IN THIS VAGUE RELATIONSHIP.
—NO.
I WANT
TO DO THIS PROPERLY
AND BECOME HIS LOVER.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SORRY! I MEAN,
JUST NOW, UM...
I'M SORRY!
IT'S ALL RIGHT.
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THANK YOU FOR WAITING. HERE ARE YOUR S-SIZE MATCHA PARFAITS
THIS ITEM IS SUBJECT TO A COUPLE-DISCOUNT, SO I WILL APPLY IT TO YOUR ORDER
HUH? NO-
I KNOW WHY HE SLAPPED MY HAND AWAY, BUT IT STILL MAKES ME A LITTLE SAD...

WE'RE
NOT...
...

AH...
IDIOT...
EVEN THOUGH I ALREADY KNOW
UH, I'M...
GOING TO EXCUSE MYSELF FOR A BIT.
HE DOESN'T MEAN IT...
STILL,

I'M GONNA FALL!
WHA-
HUH?

HE'S HOLDING
UM...
CAN YOU
MY HAND!
PLEASE LET G-
I'VE CALMED DOWN NOW.
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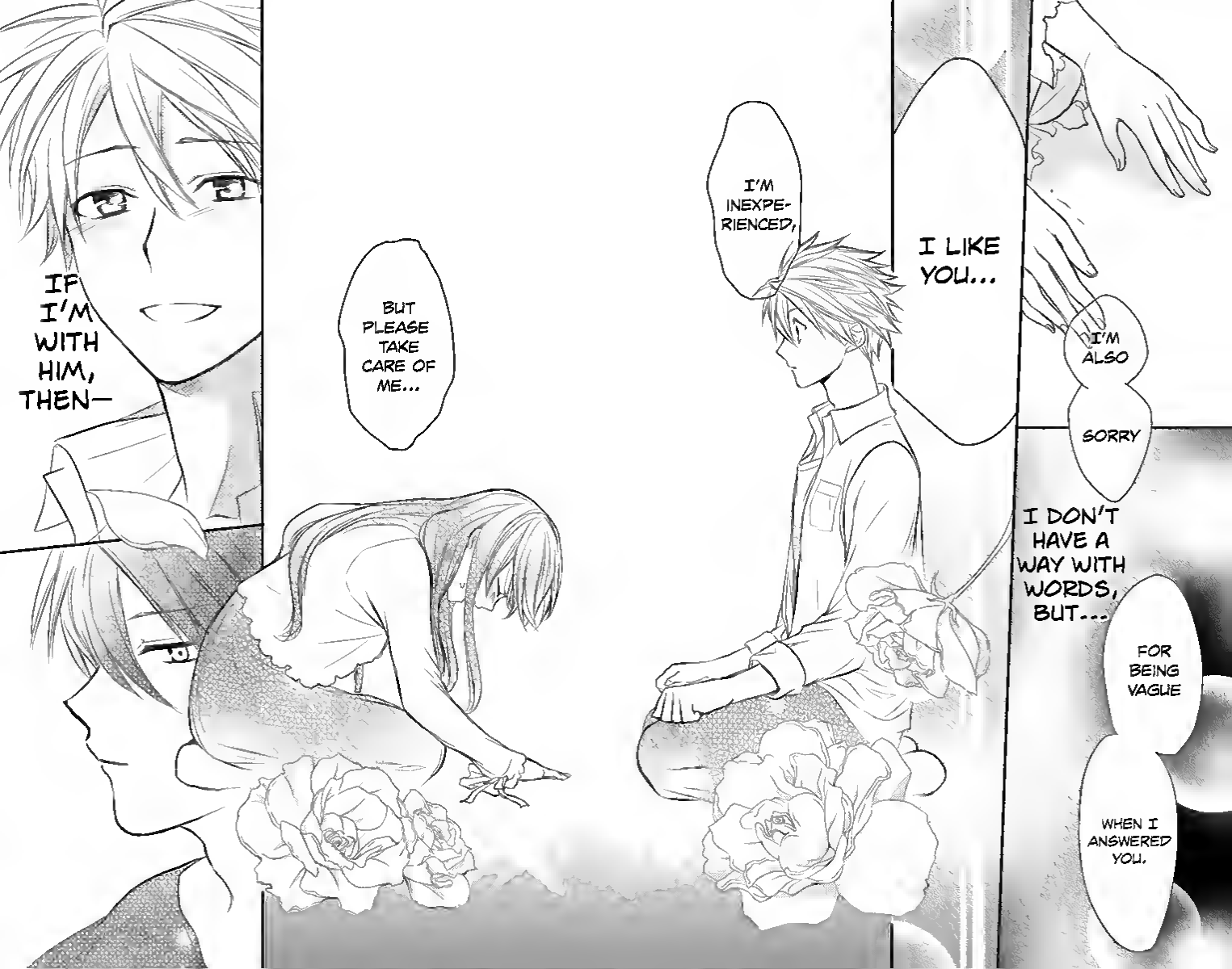
NANASE-SAN.
I'M SORRY FOR MAKING YOU SAD.
BUT, WOULD YOU GO OUT WITH ME?


IF I'M WITH HIM, THEN—
BUT PLEASE TAKE CARE OF ME...
I'M INEXPE-RIENCED,
I LIKE YOU...
I'M ALSO
SORRY
I DON'T HAVE A WAY WITH WORDS, BUT...
FOR BEING VAGUE
WHEN I ANSWERED YOU.

CONGRATS!
MAN, IT'S NICE TO BE YOUNG!
CONGRA-TULATIONS, YOU TWO!
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STILL IN THE CAFE...
AH...
EEK
LOVE
IS SO HARD..
THEY SAY YOUR CONFESSION WILL DEFINITELY GO WELL IF YOU DO IT IN THIS CAFE!
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